



City of Austin EMPLOYEES CARE *Combined Charities Campaign*

COACCC NEWS

Official newsletter for the City of Austin's Annual Combined Charities Campaign
COACCC 2020 runs from **Oct. 1** through **Nov. 6**.

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Week 1 Leaders

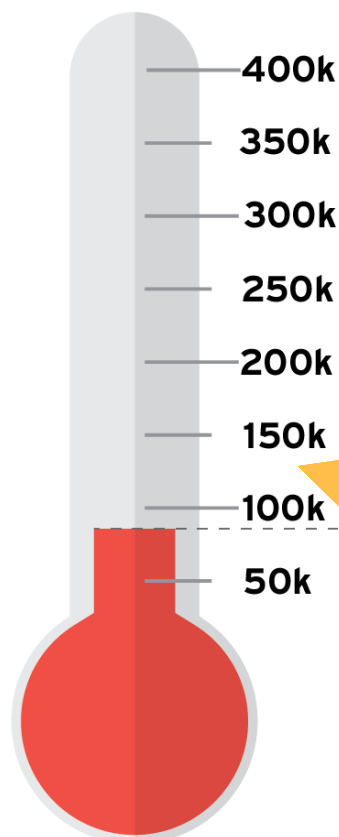
It's a brave new digital frontier and Week 1 has shown City of Austin employees are up to the challenge. We're happy to report a strong first week in this all new, all virtual campaign. Keep it up!

We're happy to report that *payroll deductions* account for **over 85%** of contributions for week 1.

[Click here to check your department's campaign contribution stats](#)

A reminder that participating in COACCC is strictly optional. Employees are encouraged to participate, but in no way required.

450K GOAL

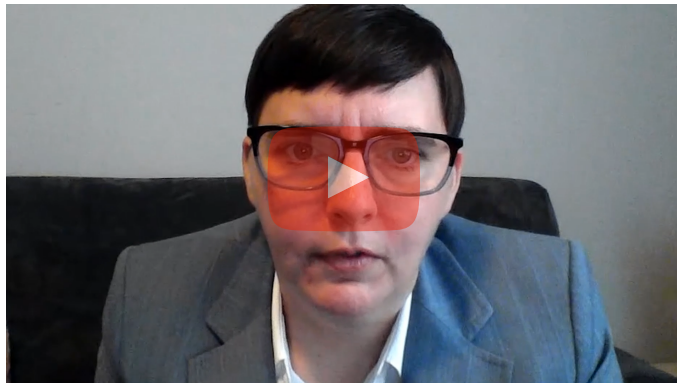


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'Why I Give'

Each week, we want to highlight your stories about what contributing to COACCC means to you. If you would like to share your story, please contact Jorge.Ortega@austintexas.gov.

This week, we hear from [Monica Kasper](#) from Development Services and [Corrie Stokes](#) from the Office of the City Auditor.



FAQ'S

You've got questions, we've got answers.

Q: When do we see donations reflected in our pay checks?

A: If you've opted for *Payroll Deductions*, you'll see your donation reflected in the first payroll check of 2021. Specifically, on January 8th, 2021.

Q: What organizations can I donate to?

A: Check [our website](#) for a complete [2020 Charity Directory](#).

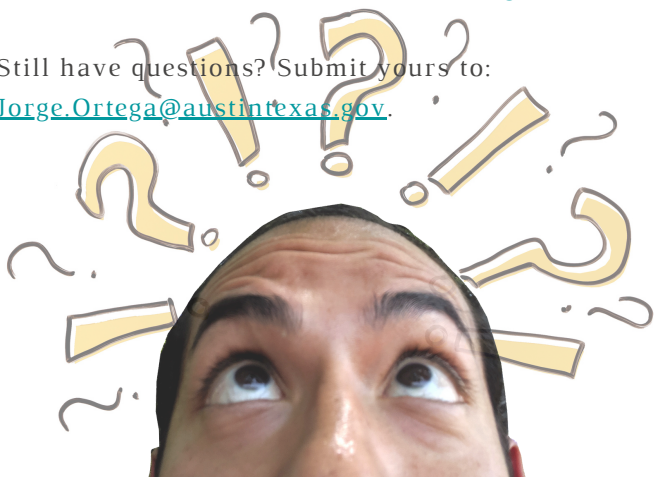
Pro Tip: Don't forget to [check out the great videos](#) showcasing the different organizations too.

Q: HELP! I can't log in to my account!

A: Never fear, EarthShare's here!

If you have any problems logging in, please send an email to coaccc@earthshare-texas.org.

Still have questions? Submit yours to: Jorge.Ortega@austintexas.gov.



Coordinator's Corner

- New to COACCC and looking for support? Unsure how to navigate the digital landscape? Join the COACCC Coordinator discussion in our teams channel! Ask Laura Polio or Jorge Ortega for info.
- A reminder that following current health guidelines, we are unable to host in-person events this year (sorry, no Taco Tuesdays), but there are still fun and creative options available! For example, the talented people at Housing & Planning are using their artistic skills by offering Pet Portraits to raise funds.



- Life's hectic enough, why not encourage folks to opt for payroll deductions this year? Simply set it and.....well, you know.

Message from the 2020 committee

COACCC 2020 Touching Hearts, Touching Lives

These are difficult and stressful times for all of us. We have all been affected by what's going on in the world. You might even have wanted to help but didn't know how; now you have an opportunity to do that. How? By participating in the City of Austin Combined Charities Campaign, (COACCC).

Each year, our City organization demonstrates its commitment to our community through our annual COACCC. It's our chance to positively affect our communities by giving to charitable organizations serving causes near and dear to our hearts. The COACCC is our annual chance to make a difference in the lives of others by contributing to one or more of the nearly 400 charitable organizations that are part of the 2020 COACCC.

With your support, charities will receive the ongoing funding required to provide important services, which are needed every day of the year. The charities and their programs serve your communities, your neighbors, and perhaps you and your family. Remember: Every dollar counts, and no pledge is too small.

Year after year, City employees have demonstrated compassion and generosity. In the campaign's 27 years, your pledges have totaled more than \$14 million. This year our citywide fundraising goal is \$450,000. In past years departments held fundraisers during the campaign such as selling tacos or other food items as a way to supplement online contributions. Unfortunately, health and safety concerns will prevent us from doing these this year and we are going to focus solely on payroll deduction contributions or one-time online contributions.

All the information you need to participate in this year's campaign can be found on our [internal employee COACCC Website](#). Download the [2020 COACCC Charity Directory](#), watch an [agency video](#), learn more about the organizations to find one or more that interest you, and then fill out the [online donation form](#) or [print out the form](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)) and turn it into your Department's COACCC Coordinator. Every donation made can have a huge impact on the lives of those in need. A payroll deduction of \$1 per pay period provides new books for 10 children or provides a monthly bus pass to help an individual with transportation. A payroll deduction of \$5 per pay period provides clothes, shoes, and winter coats for 40 children, pays a month's electric bill for two elderly, fixed-income households, or gives 48 students the chance to improve their reading or math skills through tutoring.

The 2020 campaign will begin October 1st and run through Nov. 6. If you need help please reach out to your Department's Coordinator or Laura Polio, Laura.Polio@austintexas.gov, the Citywide Coordinator.

On behalf of the organizations a part of this year's campaign and the City of Austin, I thank you for your generous support to our community and those in need.

Regards,

Roosevelt Weeks, Chair

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We Want to Hear From You!

If you would like to share a story, idea, video, photos, or a win, please contact Jorge.Ortega@austintexas.gov.